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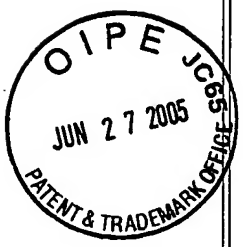

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In re application of: Robert John Allen et al.

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This reply is in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

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